

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending, of which claims 1, 17, and 26 are independent. Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, 22, 26, 29, and 30 are amended. Minor changes are made to the specification for clarity. A substitute Abstract is also provided. No new matter is introduced. Prompt examination and favorable consideration of the present application are respectfully requested.

Should any issues arise that can be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to telephone Daniel K. Dorsey (Reg. No. 32,520) at (703) 205-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to debit Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. \$1.16 or \$1.17, particularly extension of time fees, or to credit said Deposit Account for any overpayment of fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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